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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR US-SWISS JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
TREATY

REF: A) STATE 11577; B) BERN 1176

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH VISITING DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICIAL (GEORGE; EUR/CE) JUNE 6, DR. CURT MARKEES OF
SWISS FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND POLICE NOTED
THE VERY COMPLEX AND TIME-CONSUMING DRAFTING AND TRANS-
LATION WORK INVOLVED IN HAVING THE TREATY, IMPLEMENTING
LEGISLATION, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS READY FOR PRESENTA-
TION TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. FOLLOWING OUTLINE SCHEDULE
SKETCHED BY MARKEES:

A. FALL SESSION (SEPTEMBER 1974): SUBMISSION OF TREATY
FOR PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION AND SUBMISSION ENABLING
LEGISLATION.

B. WINTER SESSION (DECEMBER 1974): RATIFICATION BY
BOTH HOUSES. (MARKEES SAID THAT NO RPT NO SERIOUS
OPPOSITION ANTICIPATED.)

C. SPRING SESSION (MARCH 1975): APPROVAL BY ONE HOUSE
OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION.

D. SUMMER SESSION (JUNE 1975): APPROVAL BY OTHER HOUSE.

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2. MARKEES SUGGESTED THAT ON BASIS ABOVE SCHEDULE SWISS
COULD POSSIBLY BE PREPARED EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATI-
FICATION BY END OF JUNE 1975 WHICH WOULD ALLOW UNDER
ARTICLE 41 ENTRY INTO FORCE 180 DAYS THEREAFTER OR ABOUT
JANUARY 1, 1976.

3. MARKEES ALSO CONFIRMED THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL RESPONSE
TO EISENRING POSTULAT (NON-BINDING RESOLUTION SUGGESTING
DELAY IN TREATY RATIFICATION) WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL
FALL PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IN SEPTEMBER (REF B).
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